

Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Winter 2007

Comprehensive Conservation Planning Workbook

Greetings from the Refuge Manager

Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Complex) is made up of the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Castle Rock National Wildlife Refuge. We invite you to participate in the public scoping process to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Complex. This multi-year master planning process will produce a plan to help guide Complex management for 15 years.

Your ideas and comments will be an important part of the planning process. Recently we mailed out Planning Update #1, which provided background about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Complex, and explained how comprehensive conservation planning fits into the overall picture of refuge management.

Throughout the CCP process we will frequently refer to the background materials provided in the first planning update. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please let us know and we will be glad to send you one. Please return this Issues Workbook by mail or to any Complex staff member, by March 15, 2007.

I hope you will feel free to contact me or David Bergendorf, Refuge Planner, if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at one of our future meetings.

Eric T. Nelson
Refuge Manager

Humboldt Bay NWRC Issues Workbook

Inside is an issues workbook for you to use in formulating your comments. The information you provide in this Issues Workbook will be very helpful in assisting Refuge staff in developing a draft plan. Please fill out and mail by March 15, 2007.

Help us keep our mailing list updated

If you wish to receive future "Planning Updates" about the Humboldt Bay NWRC's Comprehensive Conservation Plan, please fill in the information below.

☐ (Yes) Add me to your mailing list ☐ (No) Take me off your mailing list

Name (Please Print): _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Are you acting in an official capacity as the representative of an organization?

Organization: _____

Title: _____

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Humboldt Bay NWRC Issues Workbook

Values, Vision, and the Service's Role

1. What activities do you engage in on Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge or plan to in the near future?
2. What things do you value most about the Refuge?
3. In a sentence or two, describe your future vision for the refuge. You may want to list a vision for wildlife, habitats, visitor services or other aspects of the Refuge.
4. What do you consider the most important problems facing the Refuge today? (List up to 3 in order of importance)
5. What technical services would you like the Refuge staff to provide? (check if appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> wetlands management	<input type="checkbox"/> volunteer opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/> management to benefit wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> enhanced visitor services
<input type="checkbox"/> control of invasive and non-native species, including plants	<input type="checkbox"/> enhanced educational services
<input type="checkbox"/> habitat enhancement on private lands	

other: _____

Provide specific comments concerning technical services you would like to see.

6. Please indicate here any additional comments you wish to make on values, vision, or the Service’s role.
7. What role would you like the Complex to play in the conservation of natural areas and wildlife, regionally in Humboldt County?

Fish, Wildlife, Plants and Their Habitats

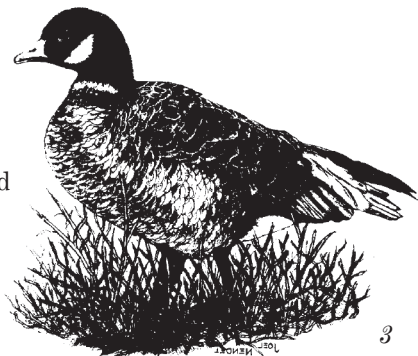
Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex provides important habitat for a wide variety of species, including several rare and declining species.

1. Are any of the following issues a major concern to you on the Refuge? If so, please check (or number in priority order) your top choices.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Refuge in holdings and boundary issues | <input type="checkbox"/> dune and salt marsh conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> control of invasive plant species | <input type="checkbox"/> endangered and rare plant conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> control of other animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Aleutian cackling goose management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> haying or grazing | <input type="checkbox"/> fish habitat restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> water rights and related issues | <input type="checkbox"/> lack of active management to improve wildlife habitats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> water quality | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> other issues (please specify): | |
2. If possible, please provide additional details on why you selected the above choices. In particular we would be interested to know specific locations of concern.

3. Please include here any additional comments on fish and wildlife habitat issues and concerns.

Recreation, Education, and Access

It is important to recognize there are laws and policy which guide management of public use on National Wildlife Refuges. National Wildlife Refuges are closed to public use until officially designated open and only those public uses that are “compatible” with the purpose(s) for which a Refuge was established are allowed.



1. Are any of the current activities, or the current levels of use on the Refuge a concern to you?

2. Do current Refuge recreational facilities meet your needs (trails, parking, signs, etc.)? Please explain.

3. Are any of the following visitor service and public use issues a major concern to you on the Refuge? If so, please check (or number in priority order) your top choices.

☐ lack of wildlife related visitor services (such as education, information and interpretive services; hunting programs, fishing, wildlife observation and wildlife photography) on the Refuge.

☐ access or trespass

☐ illegal hunting

☐ cultural/historic resource preservation

☐ possible conflicts between public uses/facilities and wildlife/habitat values (please explain):

☐ other public use issues and concerns (please explain):

4. Please indicate here any additional comments on recreation, education, and public access.

5. Castle Rock NWR is not open to public visitation, but are there any Visitor Services that you feel should be provided nearby?

IMPORTANT: Please mail your finished workbook to the address below by March 15, 2007 (fold this side up, tape, stamp, and send).

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first-class
stamp here

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